

Subject-Verb Agreement A

EXERCISE A In each of the following sentences, underline the verb in parentheses that agrees in number with its subject.

Example 1. Either Corinna or Michael (has, have) a slide projector.

1. One of these dogs (*is, are*) not very well trained.
2. Every hallway in our school (*look, looks*) different.
3. Neither Chris nor his brother Carl (*play, plays*) football.
4. Unfortunately, the bouquet of flowers (*have, has*) wilted already.
5. Although my brother and I (*are, is*) the same age, he is taller than I am.
6. (*Do, Does*) the lights in this room seem dim to you?
7. Our cats and our dog (*sleeps, sleep*) on the same blanket.
8. All of the colors in that painting (*appear, appears*) muted to me.
9. Everyone checked out a novel; none of the biographies (*were, was*) chosen.
10. (*Are, Is*) forty-two or forty-three the correct answer?

EXERCISE B In each of the following sentences, cross out any verb that does not agree with its subject and write the correct form of the verb above the incorrect form. If the sentence is correct, write C after it.

Example 1. Either a mouse or some moths ^{have}~~has~~ eaten a hole in my favorite jacket.

11. My brother, along with his friends Neil and Mick, play clarinet in the band.
12. Not a single one of the eggs in the carton were broken.
13. If the choir practice three more times this week, the concert will go smoothly.
14. Haven't Nathan or Christina turned in the paper yet?
15. The coaches for the team hasn't made a decision about the starting lineup.
16. Flour, along with a little yeast, olive oil, water, and salt, is the main ingredient in pizza dough.
17. Either ice-skating or sledding are fun on a cold winter's day.
18. In that classroom, neither the door nor the windows open easily.
19. A horse and wagon were the only mode of transportation at that time.
20. Either my grandmother or my mother's sisters cooks the holiday dinner.